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CARES Act Funds for Supplemental Spending Plan Motion

On July 21, 2020, this Board approved a spending plan for its allocation of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) from the U.S. Treasury (Treasury), totaling \$1.220 billion for COVID-19 related expenditures. On September 15, 2020, this Board approved a supplemental spending plan totaling \$129.7 million, which supplemented the original CRF allocations and programs identified in the July 21 spending plan and authorized the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or her designee, to adjust planned spending amongst approved spending plan and supplemental plan categories.

Collectively, the spending plan and any Board-approved or Acting CEO adjusted supplements (collectively Spending Plans), continue to support the County's efforts to: address the health, safety, and welfare of County residents and the communities they live in; support small businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19; and support local County government by enabling COVID-19 related services to be provided during the pandemic.

This unprecedented infusion of funding is critically needed to address the ongoing public health and economic crisis faced by the County. This Board has committed to

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deploying these resources expeditiously in order to provide much-needed relief to County residents and businesses and to incur all costs by December 30, 2020, as required by the CARES Act. This Board is equally committed to allocating the CARES Act CRF thoughtfully and equitably, recognizing the disproportionate impact which COVID-19 has had on some of the County's most vulnerable residents and businesses. This Board's action to address COVID-19 strike a balance by supporting public health, health care, human services, and similar expenses for services addressing the needs of these communities.

On September 15, 2020, the Board allocated \$31.5 million of the \$129.7 million total to support the public health of County residents. These funds will support a targeted hyperlocal, culturally and linguistically competent outreach campaign to communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 as well as the establishment of Public Health Councils.

Additionally, the Board allocated \$88.2 million to provide financial and other support for County residents. These funds will support the expansion of food and nutrition programs, increase services and protections for persons experiencing homelessness, and provide digital support to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on individuals and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As part of this allocation, \$12.8 million is being provided to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and LA County Library for the purchase of computing devices and hotspots to support students, probation youth, individuals and families whose life has been impacted by COVID-19 due to an inability to attend school or access digital resources, and where is a lack of reliable internet service to mitigate those impacts.

In addition to the above, the Board allocated \$10 million to support continued assistance to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 closures and operating restrictions.

These funds will support a program by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to provide grants to small businesses in industries that remain disproportionately impacted by mandated closures and restrictions.

This Board must now take action and provide additional authority and appropriation, as needed, to implement the CARES Act CRF detailed Spending Plans to assist and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$1,000,000 in appropriation in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) budget unit offset by a corresponding increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund media campaign programs;
2. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$12,545,000 in appropriation in the Non-departmental Special Accounts budget unit offset by a corresponding increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund computing devices and digital support that will be provided by the LACOE to support probation youth and students who are unable to access digital resources or participate in remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$25,000,000 in appropriation in the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Assistance budget unit offset by a corresponding increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund various food and nutrition programs;
4. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$25,000,000 in appropriation in the CEO budget unit offset by a corresponding

increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund various food and nutrition programs;

5. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$10,000,000 in appropriation in the Economic Development budget unit offset by a corresponding increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund small business assistance programs to be administered by the LACDA;
6. Authorize and delegate authority, as well as reaffirm prior delegations of authority, to the Acting CEO, or her designee(s) which includes departments, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, amend, and if necessary, terminate, subrecipient agreements or any related agreements, including sole source, necessary to implement the directives in any of the Spending Plans as defined above in support of the County's continued efforts to assist and address the health, safety, and welfare of County residents in compliance with the requirements of the CARES Act;
7. Authorize and delegate authority, as well as reaffirm prior delegations of authority, to the Acting CEO, or her designee(s) which includes departments, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, amend, and if necessary, terminate, agreements, including sole source, necessary to support of the County's continued efforts to assist and address the health, safety, and welfare of County residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with requirements of the federal or state funding source for such agreement;
8. Authorize and delegate authority to the Acting CEO, Acting Director of DCBA, Acting Director of WDACS, or their respective designees, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, if necessary, amend, subrecipient agreements or any related agreements, including sole-source, when

necessary, with any community-based organizations and public agencies, including but not limited to nonprofit, joint powers authorities, and cities, necessary to implement the above directives and to comply with the requirements of the CARES Act not to exceed the following:

- a. Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) to the CEO to provide grants to community-based organizations for food-related programs to food-insecure populations;
 - b. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to DCBA to support hyper-local and ethnic media outlets to provide communities with targeted messages about the COVID-19 pandemic and where to find resources/information related to prevention, mitigation, quarantine and isolation, infection control measures, and other COVID-19-related services offered by the County; and
 - c. Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) to WDACS to support expansion of the Elderly Nutrition Program providing meals to seniors, through current contractors, non-profit organizations, vendors and restaurants.
9. Delegate authority to the Acting CEO, or her designee, to execute subrecipient agreements, and any necessary amendments, with LACOE, LACDA and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ("LAHSA") to effectuate the Spending Plans and establish the parameters by which LACOE, LACDA and LAHSA will utilize the funding in accordance with the CARES Act CRF and the Spending Plans not to exceed the following:
- a. Twelve Million Five Hundred Forty-Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,545,000) to LACOE to provide digital support to individuals and communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;

- b. Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the LACDA for a small business grant program, including administrative costs, in partnership with DCBA, and through a grant program for small businesses that have been impacted and have suffered economic hardship due to COVID-19 due to closures and restrictions from County Health Officer Orders; and
- c. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to LAHSA for the added costs, as a result of COVID-19, of keeping most Winter Shelter Program sites open for 24-hour operations from April-October 2020 (instead of closing) and for maintaining 24-hour operations from November-December (instead of 14-hour/day operations).

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority:

- 1. Delegate authority to the Acting Executive Director of LACDA, or his designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, if necessary, amend, subrecipient agreements, grant agreements with recipients of CARES Act CRF or any related agreements, including sole-source, when necessary, with the County and any consultants, community-based organization, service providers, including but not limited to cities and nonprofits, necessary to implement the directives and to comply with the requirements of the CARES Act to not exceed the following:
 - a. Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the LACDA for a small business grant, including administrative costs, in partnership with the DCBA, and through a grant program for small businesses that have been impacted due to closures and restrictions from the County Health Officer Orders and have suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to accept and incorporate up to \$10 million into the LACDA's approved FY 2020-21 budget as needed; and
3. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to hire or contract for positions as appropriate to implement CARES Act CRF activities necessary for the small business grant program.

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